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Patchwork; You Can
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There is not the slightest doubt that the doctors do more harm than good in treating Contagious Blood Poison; many victims of this loathsome disease would be much better off to-day if they had never allowed themselves to be dosed on mercury and potash, the only remedies which the doctors ever give for blood poison.

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Mr. H. L. Myers, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J., says: "I had spent a hundred dollars with the doctors, when I realized that they could do me no good. I had large spots all over my body, and these soon broke out into running sores, and I endured all the suffering which this vile disease produces. I decided to try S. S. S. as a last resort, and was cured. I followed closely your 'Directions for Self-Treatment,' and the large spots on my chest began to grow paler and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I was soon cured perfectly and my skin has been as clear as glass ever since. I cured myself at home, after the doctors had failed completely. It is a valuable time thrown away to expect the doctors to cure Contagious Blood Poison, for the disease is beyond their skill. Swifts Specific."

S. S. S. FOR THE BLOOD

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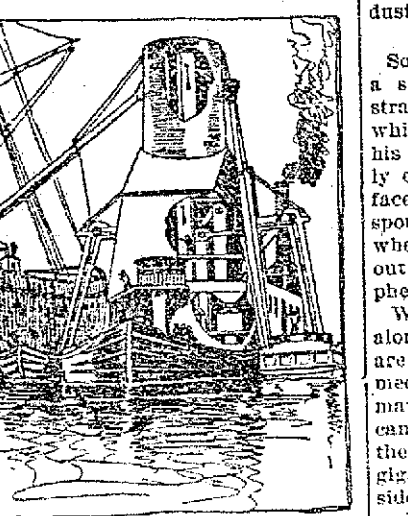
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Moving The Grain Crop.

BY CYRUS SYLVESTER.

A large part of the great grain crop produced in the west and northwest during the season just past is now on its way across the ocean. Some of it goes to England, some to France and Italy and much to Russia. Part of it feeds the brown hordes of India when crops fail in the sun scorched Punjab. Here are a few figures. Of the phenomenal wheat crop of 1897 (500,000,000 bushels), we sent nearly 200,000,000 bushels to the old world. Our corn is in great demand across the ocean too. Just what part of the immense yield of this year will be demanded remains to be seen.



A FLOATING ELEVATOR AT WORK.

(Showing glimpses of the interior mechanism.)
main to be seen. In 1897 we shipped 170,016,365 bushels of corn to foreign lands. This year we could double that amount and not miss it. But it all depends on the demand. If the blight strikes the Russian fields they will look to us for a larger supply than usual.

But although the demand varies it always amounts to many millions of bushels of grain of various kinds. The moving of this grain crop from the fields which produce it to the faraway countries where there are hungry peoples is an industrial spectacle of immense proportions. It is a panorama, rather, with many changing views.

Just now this panorama is moving at its swiftest. By railroad, lake, river and canal the yellow gold of the west is moving to the seaboard. There at the edge of the ocean lay the big ships which wait to carry it over the longest stage of its journey.

Perhaps this transfer of the grain from cars and canalboats into the holds of great ocean steamers is one of the most interesting things which happens to the grain we export. At least it is the most unfamiliar to most people.

The wheat cargoes which were collected by little and little, a ton here and a ton there, are now moved into one yellow stream which pours into the cavernous holds. "Pours" is the word. What the farmhand of the west takes a week to do, what a hundred laborers would toil like Egyptian slaves to perform in an hour, that marvel of mechanism, the grain elevator, does in the twinkling of an eye. It sucks the grain up from out of a canalboat or a barge, weighs it with inconceivable rapidity, carries it far aloft in its tower, drops it down, screens and cleans it automatically, carries it up on high again and pours it into the ocean steamer's hold.

An elevator of ordinary capacity will empty an ordinary canalboat, whose cargo is 8,000 bushels, weigh and screen this quantity and load it in the hold of the iron ship alongside in an even hour, or perhaps a fraction less.

Nor is this the entire power of a first class elevator, floating or stationary. Those of the floating variety one is apt to give the most heed to, for they are most in evidence, following up the harbor, wherever they may be wanted. The additional power that a floating elevator gets comes from her duplicate



A "LEG" SUCKING GRAIN FROM A CANALBOAT.

tion of machinery. One side of this gigantic automaton is all that is required to load the 8,000 bushels of grain spoken of. The other side can, at the same moment, handle precisely a similar quantity. It has a duplicate "leg," or "shute," weighing machine and lifters, receivers and hoppers. Properly placed it can pump out two canalboats or barges at the same time, and since

How the Yellow
Gold of the Western
Fields Is Sent to the
Hungry Peoples of
The Old World.

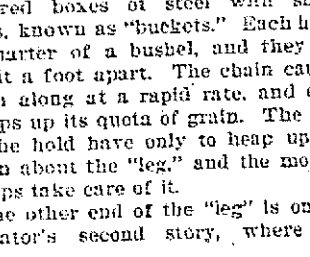
A liner would hardly be likely to carry more than 200,000 bushels across. It can be seen that with active elevators her full complement of wheat, corn, barley or oats could be poured into her hold in an incredibly short space of time.

An unusual figure of a workman in the grain handling. No picture or description can quite do justice to his appearance. About the elevator, in the canalboat and in the ship's hold particles of grain are flying everywhere. It settles on the clothes, in the hair, in the nostrils; it sticks in the throat—a fine, yellow whitish, almost impalpable dust that is all pervading.

So he dresses for the part. He wears a suit of brown jeans, the trousers strapped tightly around the shoes, which are of the brogan variety. On his head is an old soft hat pulled tightly down. Over the lower part of his face is a mask, in which is placed a wet sponge. Through this latter he breathes when down amid the grain dust. Without the mask working in this atmosphere would be insupportable.

When a canalboat or barge is tied alongside an elevator and the hatches are taken off, the elevator's "leg," by mechanical device perfect in its automatic working, moves down into the canalboat hold and buries its foot in the grain. This "leg" consists of two gigantic boxlike tubes of wood running side by side and joining at the bottom and the top. Within them, running on an endless chain, a rubber belt, are uncovered boxes of steel with sharp sides, known as "buckets." Each holds a quarter of a bushel, and they are about a foot apart. The chain carries them along at a rapid rate, and each scoops up its quota of grain. The men in the hold have only to heap up the grain about the "leg" and the moving scoops take care of it.

The other end of the "leg" is on the elevator's second story, where the



A GRAIN HANDLER.

buckets turned by the chain to make their descent back to the canalboat, drop their loads into a vast hopper.

Here comes in one of the prettiest features of elevator work, and one that is easily to be seen. The elevator's sides and interior partitions shroud much of its operations in mysteries, but the weighing is in full view. Directly under the great hopper, on the first floor, is a huge scale, surmounted by a bin with a glass "peek hole." The weigher moves a lever of wood. There is at once a rush within. A vast quantity of grain comes tumbling down. In less than a moment, as can be seen by looking through the glass, the bin is full. It holds 75 bushels.

An instant's moving of the weights and the record of the binload is made. The weigher marks a few figures on a sheet of paper fastened on the machine, and then briskly moves another lever. Presto! the mass of grain inside the bin is disappearing. It is sliding out of sight; it is vanishing. In half a minute it is no longer to be seen, and the weigher phlegmatically pulls down his first lever and lets another 75 bushels into the bin.

The grain as it has disappeared has dropped down into the elevator's cellar. Thence it is carried up on another endless chain of buckets, now known as lofters, each holding half a bushel, high into the interior of the tower, to be dropped on the screens. Here the dust and dirt are shaken off and away, and the grain, purged and purified, is now ready to be passed into the ship's hold.

Another set of lofters carry it up, this time to the elevator's very top. From that point a long pipe, a succession of pipes or "chutes," stretch out. They begin in this tower, they reach out of the tower window, they go through the air from elevator to ship, at last ending in the ship's hold. The grain rushes down in a golden stream. Men with shovels hurl it away into corners, packing it well, for it will soon be tossed about by the waves of the Atlantic.

REVIVED BY FRIGHT.

Story of a Woman Who Was
Supposed to Have Died.

AWFUL EXPERIENCE IN A TRANCE.

Mrs. Hirt of East St. Louis, whose Body Had Been Given to an Undertaker, Tells How She Felt When She Heard Preparations to Embalm Her.

Mrs. Christina Hirt of East St. Louis, who came to life while an undertaker was preparing her for burial the other night, is recovering, and physicians think she may get well. She was able the other day to tell her experience to the mother superior at St. Mary's hospital, says the New York World. She said:

"I was conscious all the time I was in the trance. My mind was in a confused whirl, and in my despair I concluded that my relatives and friends were in a horrible conspiracy to bury me alive. Then I tried to cry out. To my astonishment I could neither move nor speak. I endeavored to make some defense against the scheme I thought was about to be played upon me.

"Poor Christina is gone at last!" I heard my husband say as he turned from my bedside, wiping the tears from his eyes. I was shocked at what I considered his mockery. The mourners began to tip-toe out of the room. Some one kindly laid a cloth over my face. A window was raised. A hush fell upon the scene. I knew what that meant. They had gone for the undertaker.

"Presently neighbor women tiptoed in. They stood near and whispered, and I heard them say what a good woman I had been and what a pity I had died so soon. Then the undertaker's assistant came. He moved all the chairs out of the room. He pushed the bed away from the wall so that he could perform his work more rapidly and skillfully.

"I was painfully conscious of his every movement. I heard him set out his embalming utensils and bottles. I gathered all my forces for a scream, for a cry, for a movement of the eye, foot or limb that would tell the mad plot that I was not dead, and arouse the neighborhood to a sense of the conspiracy. I now felt certain was being put into actuality.

"By what seemed to be a miracle of good fortune the undertaker decided to postpone further proceedings until he could secure the presence and assistance of some of the neighbor women. He left the room, and again I was alone. My brain was on fire. I could feel the strange cold in my feet and hands and the dew on my forehead.

"It may have been half an hour—I thought it half a day—when the undertaker returned. He was beginning again his dreadful preparations for the disposing of my body. He walked up to me on the bed and removed the cloth from my face. He put his arms about my body to remove it to the cooling board.

"It was my last chance of life. I knew that in another moment the worst would happen and that death was now certain. Gathering my energies into a last desperate effort, I suddenly regained my voice and, to my own surprise and joy, emitted a scream which almost frightened the undertaker out of his senses.

"He almost let me fall upon the floor. He threw aside the shroud which had been prepared for me and was about to summon my husband and neighbors to his aid when I grasped him and made him remain by my side until he had calmed his fears."

George Brugglemeyer, the undertaker, corroborates her story so far as he had to do with the case.

Model of Chicago Drainage Canal For Paris.

A large model of the Chicago drainage canal, prepared for the sanitary district of Chicago and designed to form a part of the United States exhibits at the Paris exposition, has just been completed in Washington by Edwin E. Howell. The model is 22 feet long by 5 feet wide and presents a birdseye view of the canal, with a strip of country a mile wide on each side. The Desplaines river is shown, including the dikes that confine its waters within their straightened channel. The model is an accurate reproduction of the canal and surrounding country on an exact scale, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. No detail is omitted that would tend to give a clear idea of the long ditch, and the designer has even laid off a portion of the city of Chicago to show the relative position of the drainage canal to the city and lake. Mr. Howell began the work of preparing the model last summer, after carefully going over the ground and inspecting the canal, and has had the aid of the best maps and designs in carrying out the work.

A Marine's Letter to His Mother. A royal marine of R. M. S. Powerful, serving with the naval brigade in Lord Methuen's advance in South Africa, writes as follows, says the London News:

"Since the advance started we have had hard times. No tents, nothing to sleep under at night and to shade you in the open veldt by day. Have to drink any water we can get, thick with mud from pools. Have been seven days without a wash and 48 hours, 24 of which we were fighting on half a pint of water and some hard biscuits. But I'm thin and wiry like you, mother, and can stand it with the best of them. Hope it will soon be over. Love to all. A happy Christmas to you all."

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100 Natural Wood Wescel and Pearl trimmed handles, all fast colors, former prices up to \$2.25. Sale Price \$1.19, (1.19)

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Books easily worth \$3.00,

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Women's 50-cent Jersey Ribbed Union Suits, neck handsomely trimmed with ribbon, front silk 25 cents

Women's Swiss Ribbed All Wool White Underwear, a beautifully made garment, with pearl buttons and fronts nicely stitched, former price \$1.25, 75 cents

Children's Nazareth Waists, the 25-cent garment, sale price 15 cents

Gigantic Sale Stylish Dress Goods.

Everybody who is anxious to economize looks to us—the great values we give and for which we are famous are more than excelled in this great sale.

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1 Lot Colored chevrons, 48 inches wide, regular price \$1.25, Sale price 75c

1 Lot Boucle Novelty, 42 inches wide, regular price \$1.25, Sale price 75 cents

1 Lot Silk Mixed Novelty, 42 inches wide, regular price \$1.25, Sale price 75 cents

1 Lot 54 Damask at \$1.75 to \$1.25 per yd. 1 Piece of 14 Damask at \$2.25 to \$1.75 per yd. These values something in extra widths and in the last named just what they want, both in designs and quality.

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A beautiful grey Hat, trimmed in black velvet and handsome sea gull.

Finished at side with rosette of pink satin ribbon. \$5.00

Black and velvet Hat, edge finished with heavy jet, trimmed in black rosettes and pink, former price \$8.50, now \$5.00

A very pretty Misses Hat of castor, trimmed in white tulle, satin ribbon and a beautiful lace scarf, fitted on the side by a large white bow. former price \$4.50, now \$5.00

Brown Mousseline Hat, artistically trimmed in castor ribbon and brown velvet, with three fancy bows forming the side trimming, former price \$4.00, sale price \$3.00

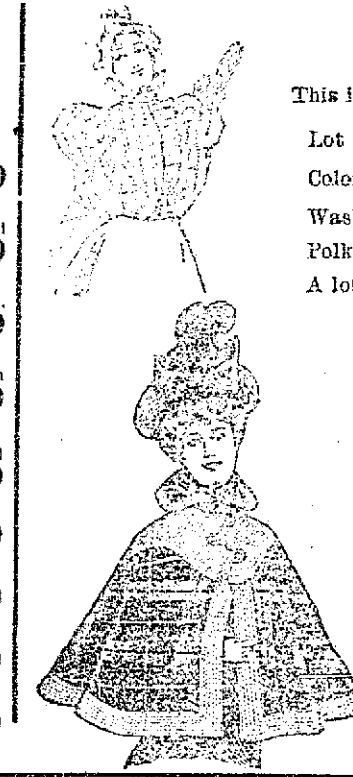
A jaunty Evening Hat of silk, green, with applique lace, trimmed at side front with a handsome ostrich plume and ribbon stone ornament, former price \$15.50, sale price \$3.00

A pretty new Hat in black felt, trimmed in heavy chevron of wince, former price \$10.50, sale price \$3.00

A pretty Mirror Velvet Hat, trimmed with black jet and hand-some black bird, former price \$15.50, sale price \$5.00

A Blue Felt Hat, trimmed in Persian velvet and silk bow with large quill, former price \$2.50, sale price \$2.00

Brown Turban, trimmed with a grey bird and brown velvet, former price \$6.00, sale price \$2.00



Gigantic Sale of Tailor-Made Jackets.

This is the most profitable time of the year for you to buy fashionable garments—for you can buy them almost at your own price.

Lot Ladies' Satin Striped Taffeta Silk Waists, last year styles, values from \$5.00 to \$7.50. Sale price \$2.50.

Colored Satin Waists, made shirt waist style, with tucks and braid; also Fancy Black Silk Waist, worth \$6.00. Sale price \$2.50.

Wash Silk Waists, in Fancy Checks and Plaids. Also Polka Dot Silk Waists, in red, blue and green, worth \$5.00. Sale price \$2.50.

A lot of Stylish Silk Linen Shirt Waists, in Fancy Plaids, all fast colors, former price \$6.00. Sale price \$2.50.

A lot of Gingham Wash Waists in checks and plaids, valued from \$1.50 to \$3.00, now 50c

Good quality percale Waists, neatly made and tucked, all in good style 50c

One lot plain percale waists made with hemmed stitched tucks, former price \$1.50, now 50c

One lot tucked white linen wash waists, former price \$1.00, now 50c

White Pique Waists former price up to \$1.48, now 50c

One lot this winter's Astrachan Jackets, six buttons, trimmed with plain Kersey and fancy lined throughout, valued at \$1.50, now 35c

One lot plain cloth in Black only, fancy lined throughout, to close at 38c

One lot this year's Jackets in Black and colors, lined throughout, former price \$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00—your choice 50c



THE METELLUS THOMSON DRY GOODS CO.

Come in the Morning and Avoid the Rush.

No lay-a-ways, exchanges or refunds will be allowed during this sale.

FOUR Cents Was the Advance

Made in the Price of Lima and Indiana Oil To-day.

The Advance of Seven Cents in Five Days Means Thousands of Dollars to Many Operators.

OIL MARKET.

The oil market made another phenomenal jump today, the price of the month Lima production going up to \$1.24 and the price of the South Lima Indiana crude advancing to \$1.19.

The market for the Lima and Indiana production went up 3 cents the barrel last Thursday and 4 cents today, the market for the eastern production has only advanced 2 cents, change being made in the eastern market quotations today. This narrows the margin between the price of eastern and western production 5 cents, and many operators are of the opinion that it will be reduced to a further extent before the fuel is over.

If I had the money to invest," said a well-known operator today, "I would all the options I could get on production at \$1.30 and feel certain of a paying investment, for I believe quotations will go to \$1.50."

SALMAGUNDI.

The Myrtle Oil Co's No. 1 on the

John Huber farm, in section 13, Richland township, one mile south of Bluffton, was shot Saturday and started off at a 100 barrel gait. The company has 600 acres under lease in this vicinity and will put down several wells at once. Among the eight stockholders of the company are: U.M. Shappell, Dr. A. Jones, J. C. Ridenour, H. O. Bentley and M. J. Sullivan.

The Myrtle Oil Co. has a good well in its No. 1 on the John Huber farm at Bluffton. It has made several good flows and is marked as a 75 barrel producer.

SPENCERVILLE FIELD.

The following is a report furnished by the Spencerville papers of operations in the western part of the county, during last week:

Cobb Oil Co. have had a fishing job at 200 ft. on No. 2, Honhouse, Marion township.

Western Oil & Gas Co. reached the sand Saturday on their No. 6, Rich.

Miller Oil Co's No. 2, H. Miller, Amanda township, came in at 100 barrels.

Cochran & Robbins' was shot today and is showing for 100 barrels the first 24 hours on their No. 4, Wm. Bailey.

J. S. Parks & Co. expect the sand Friday on their No. 1, John Bowers, Amanda township.

McMullen & Bulger have a rig up for their No. 5 at Hume, O.

Smith & Hays No. 2 Jones at Willsboro, is showing for a small well.

Gayer & Co's No. 1 Geo. Sisserly Section 4, Salem township, Auglaize county, came in a fair well.

Gayer & Co. are drilling at 600 feet on their No. 1 Fred Ohlhoff, west of Spencerville.

A dispatch from Lima says:—A regular, old-fashioned oil boom has struck this city and vicinity, and

thousands of acres of land have been leased by speculators. Wells are being sunk in every direction and abandoned wells are being opened up.

Smith, Reynolds & Co., expect sand today in their No. 1 I. B. Post, east of Spencerville.

Brown & Co., cased today on their No. 1 C. Post, east of Spencerville.

Morrison, Shultz & Co., are 300 feet with their No. 1 Richardson, east of Spencerville.

J. B. Sunderland & Co. have abandoned No. 1, Ham Post.

Wilson & Western Oil Co., are due to case on their No. 2 C. Post, east of town.

Miller Oil Co. is building a rig for No. 5 Dolby, adjoining their J. N. Bailey well that came in last week at a 100 bbl. gait.

C. W. Schaeffer is getting a rig for his No. 2 Wolford, Spencer twp.

Gospel Meetings.

Wayne street Church of Christ was packed last night to hear W. A. Brundage on the subject, "The Theft of the Cross saved without Baptism." Two young ladies made the good confession and one in the morning. The ordinance of baptism will be administered this evening. You are invited to hear the sermon tonight on the "New Birth" (chart).

Closing Out Sale.

Our lease on store room expires on March 1st and at that time it must be surrendered. Therefore we have inaugurated a sale, which is now going on. The bargains will be unparalleled. Now is the time to buy shoes. No goods changed or taken out to try.

FRANCIS SHOE STORE

DEEDED His Property to Others

Expecting to Get a Comfortable Home in Return.

Primus Freeman Amends His Petition and Makes Plain His Allegations of a Violated Contract.

An amended petition in the case of Primus Freeman vs. Mary E. Simmonds was filed today, the plaintiff setting out his complaint in detail. Sometime ago he entered into an agreement with the defendant, who is his niece, and her husband, consenting to transfer to them about \$3500 worth of real and personal property situated at Van Wert, with the understanding that they were to provide him with a comfortable home with them in Lima, including necessary clothing, medical attention and a certain amount of spending money.

He alleges in his petition that they have failed to live up to the agreement, denying him many necessities, and have been cruel and abusive to him. The petition charges that the defendant's husband at one time struck him with a whip. He claims to have been in poor health and weak minded when the agreement was entered into and did not know the importance of what he was doing.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The license market was on the boom Saturday, as indicated by the record at the probate judge's office, and among those who have joined heart

and hand were several who had to add the written consent of their parents to their applications. The docket shows the following licenses issued:

Wilbur B. Stubbs, 23, farmer, and Lillian G. Madden, 21, both of Auglaize township; Rev. Garner.

Wm. Edwards, 29, clerk, Tailorsville, Pa., and Mary A. Linder, 29, Lima; M. A. Atmure.

Jacob W. Triplehorn, 25, pumper, and Ida Neiswander, 25, both of Bluffton; Rev. Myers.

Arthur Stroup, 21, bill poster, and Clara Howard, 16, both of Lima.

Dye Sunderland, 19, pumper, and Bertha O. Coon, 16, both of Amanda township; A. L. Fry.

Clarence A. Nungester, 21, teamster, of Auglaize township, and Elnora Lawrence, 16, of Lima; W. A. Brundage.

C. L. Harris, 24, farmer, of Marion township, and Lettie Kephart, 18, of Amanda township; Rev. Reckon.

TRANSFERS.

Mary A. Byerly to Jessie E. Byerly, 20 acres of land in Bath township, \$1050.

Mary M. Barber to M. J. Sullivan, inlot 115 Seinsheimer's addition to Lima, \$400.

NOTES.

A writ of mandamus has been issued by the common pleas court to the county treasurer, on behalf of Edward H. Ahlers, authorizing the return to the plaintiff of \$126.42 paid by him as Dow tax. If a contention of the claim is made by the treasurer the matter will be heard this afternoon.

The Allen County Building and Loan Association filed an action for foreclosure of a mortgage this afternoon against Lavina Wade. The amount of the claim is \$400 and the property involved is located on the east side of Main street north of O'Connor avenue.

LAST Of Happy Family Gone.

Miss Belle Harrington Dies at Minneapolis, Minn.

Remains Will be Brought to This City for Interment—Death was Sudden and Unexpected.

Telegrams were received in this city last evening announcing the death of Miss Belle Harrington, a prominent young lady who was born and raised in this city and who, for the past three seasons has been a promising student in the University of Chicago. The sudden and unexpected announcement was a severe shock to the young lady's wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this city. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harrington and was the only survivor of a once very prominent family, of father, mother and four children.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY SEVENTH.

J. C. CRONLEY will be a candidate for re-nomination to the office of COUNTY SEVENTH on the Democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries, April 2nd, 1900.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. L. BROWN as a candidate for COUNTY SEVENTH on the Democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries, April 2nd, 1900.

We are authorized to announce the name of GEORGE D. KANAWI as a candidate for nomination for COMMISSIONER of Allen County, subject to the decision of the Democratic county primary.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Van Winters is a visitor in Bluffton today.

George Melly went to Celina this morning.

G. E. Blum has gone to New York on business.

S. Weinfield left today for a visit at Tipton, Ind.

Dr. E. A. Stockdale was called to Celina this morning.

L. Lisberger, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in this city.

Dr. A. Jones and H. B. Bentley are in Bluffton this afternoon.

John H. Brannon left this morning on a business trip to Akron, O.

Mrs. Bert Blair, of Dewey avenue, left today for a visit in Montpelier, Ind.

John Overy, of the Metropolitan cigar store, spent the day yesterday at St. Marys.

Andrew Brown, of the Lima Machine Works, was a Sunday visitor at St. Marys.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Copeland, of east Market street, an eight pound boy.

Eugene Mitzel, of Freyberg, O., is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. C. Reis, of Spring street.

James, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Reeves, of north Main street, is seriously ill with lung fever.

Mrs. Jacob Kreitzer, of Wapakoneta, spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. W. D. Gallagher, of north Elizabeth street.

Mrs. Jos. Gerding and daughter of Ottawa, are the guests of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Warner, of north Main street.

M. J. Wertheimer, of Deadwood, S. D., who has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. Leon Loewenstein and Mrs. Alex Frankel, left for home today.

Mrs. James Hepburn, of Sandusky, was called here Saturday by the illness of her brother, Albert Risser, who is critically ill with influenza and heart trouble.

Mrs. C. S. Neise, of north Main street, who was called to Delphos by the illness and death of her mother, returned home Saturday evening. Her sister Mrs. Lincoln, of Chicago, accompanied her to this city for a visit here. Their father Mr. Mahoney, of Delphos, spent Sunday with them.

Cold Water Soap.

Now on sale by all grocers. 79-1m

GORDON

A Power in Washington.

Never Misses or Dodges a Vote on Any Question.

The Congressman, Bernie Layton and C. R. Jones, Royally Entertain a Prominent Lima Man.

J. W. McMahon, of the Buckeye Pipe Line Co., always prominent in local politics, has just returned from a trip east, during which he stopped for a few days in the national capital and was the guest of Congressman R. B. Gordon.

Mr. McMahon has been saying many kind words in praise of the treatment accorded by Congressman Gordon, Mr. Bernie Layton and C. R. Jones. Mr. McMahon says Mr. Gordon is, although a new member, one of the most influential and energetic members of the house. He is always present in his seat and never misses or dodges a vote on any question that comes up. Mr. Gordon is already well known by more of the prominent men in Washington than many who have been years in congress. Genial Bernie Layton, of whom it is said, knows more men worth knowing than any man in Washington, is always on hand to introduce and serve, in any capacity, any of the Ohio friends who may happen at Washington. Roll Jones, Mr. Gordon's competent secretary, is everywhere present filling orders for literature, answering letters of enquirers, etc. and looks twenty pounds heavier than when he was in Lima. Mr. McMahon says we can rest assured that the 4th congressional district of Ohio is being well looked after.

Last evening the south side church of Christ, corner Central avenue and Kibby street was crowded to its utmost to hear the subject announced, "Hallelujah in a Jail." The ordinance of baptism was attended to, when there were several candidates who obeyed this solemn ordinance. The services this week are being conducted under the caption, "Hallelujah Week." Rev. Clarence Mitchell tonight at 7:30 will preach on, "The Hallelujah of a Black Man." Candidates for baptism and fellowship will please be present at this service. Answers are already coming in to Rev. Mitchell from non church goers giving their reasons why they do not attend some church. Send each communication to 614 south Pine street as it will enable in getting at more reasons for not attending church. You need not sign your name. Come early for a good seat. Everybody invited.

A new club has been organized by ten young ladies of Lima, to be known in the calendar as the Mutual Improvement Association—a commendable purpose. The ladies have elected Miss Emory Odell president and Miss Irene Krissbaum vice president and secretary, and the members will meet on Tuesday evening of each week to put in a few hours fashioning such articles as may be suggested by the feminine mind. The members of the club include Misses Bessie Kendrick, Bertha Remigan, Mable McIntire, Irene Krissbaum, Gale Ehlers, May McIntire, Susie Stone, Nellie Shockey, Emory Odell and Lizzie Rathbone. The club will be entertained at the home of Miss Kendrick.

The city of Fremont is entirely without water and probably will be for several days.

Friday afternoon the large fifteen-inch main leading from the pumping station to the standpipe burst, and it was necessary to cease pumping. The supply in the stand pipe was soon exhausted, and the pipe could not be refilled owing to the broken main. Factories using large quantities of water were compelled to shut down, while hotels, business houses, and other institutions were greatly inconvenienced by the cutting off of the supply.

Policeman Clinton R. Seeds, Esq., came down town this morning with his face beating like a dark lantern in a coal chute at midnight and with his hamlet filled cigars, which he handed out in pairs. Clint is the father of a young lady who has just arrived at his home on the east side.

At the home of Miss Helen and Paul Stiff of 871 north Main street, a number of young people were entertained Friday evening, among those

present were: Bessie Quinn, Alice Lawrence, Carrie Rhoda, Laura Frail, Bertha Wilhelm, Russell E. Davidson, Murray Fee, F. L. Nugsbaum and J. C. Roca. Music and games of various kinds were played. After the evening enjoyment, refreshments were served, and at a later hour departed for their homes.

Dr. B. A. Stockdale has moved his office to the rooms occupied by the Democratic executive committee above the bank of Lima. The rooms vacated by him will be occupied by A. R. Bentel, the stock broker.

The Wimodaugh circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Tracy, 210 Park avenue, on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 25, from 2 to 5. A full attendance is desired.

The ladies of the Eastern Star are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. John Thompson in south Main street, at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The Royal Arcanum will hold an installation of officers this evening.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Most of the Day Taken Up in Securing a Jury.

Several Cases of Drunkenness and Fighting Are Disposed of by Mayor Prophet.

Most of the day in mayor's court was consumed by the task of securing and qualifying a jury to hear the evidence in the case against Jack Devine, one of the union molders, charged with an attempt to provoke a breach of the peace. The case will not be finished before evening.

John Croft was fined \$3.50 on a charge of drunkenness.

William Joy was sent to the city work house for four days for drunkenness.

John Smith, colored, pleaded not guilty to a charge of fighting and will be tried Wednesday.

Charles Rathel was fined \$7.50 for fighting.

INTO A TRENCH

Dr. Johnson and His Horse and Buggy Dropped.

The Trench Had Been Carelessly Left Open and Was Not Guarded by Light or Obstruction.

About 9 o'clock last night, while driving on North street near the new school building, Dr. Johnson, drove into an open sewer trench, which was protected neither by an obstruction or a light. The horse went down first, the Dr. next and the buggy landed on top of both the Dr. and the horse. The vehicle was wrecked and Dr. Johnson was well plastered with soft sticky clay.

NEW USE OF VENTRILOQUY.

Hold Up Man Employs the Art to Lure Victim Within Reach. Attracted by the wailing of a babe which an unknown man was holding, Patrick Leyden crossed Market street in St. Louis at 4 o'clock the other morning and said to the supposedly brutal father, "Give me the child." "Take it," was the reply, and, seizing the wooden manikin by one leg, he struck Leyden full in the face, knocking him down, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

Grabbing Leyden's gold watch, the thief ran. Recovering himself, Pat started in pursuit, and overtaking the thief, he knocked him down, recovered his watch and held him prisoner for 30 minutes, but no policeman appearing, he turned him loose with a parting kick.

Later Shuford Williams, a colored ventriloquist, was arrested. He denied his guilt, saying he had just arrived from Chicago.

Man and His Tailor.

A man can be measured to the best advantage, tailors say, away from a glass. Standing before a mirror he is almost certain to throw out his chest, if he does not habitually carry it so, and take an attitude that he would like to have rather than the one he commonly holds, whereas the tailor wants him, as the portrait painter wants his subject, in his natural pose and manner. With the man in that attitude the tailor can bring his art to bear, if that is required, in the over-coming of any physical defect and produce clothes that will give the best attainable effect upon the figure as they will be actually worn.—New York Sun.

TROOPER'S

Letter From the Front

Tells of Some Hardships Endured By Lima Boys.

Six Troops of the Fourth Cavalry That Were With Lawton Are to Be Relieved Soon.

TATUNG, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30, 1899.

MR. AND MRS. F. M. CAVINS AND CHILDREN, Lima, Ohio, U. S. A.

DEAR PARENTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS—I will write you a few lines, this beautiful Thanksgiving Day, just to let you know how I am and that I am thinking of you. Today while you are having a good time and also a good dinner, you must not worry about me, because we are going to have a good dinner also, which is to consist of chicken, good bread, and so on. We are now away up in the mountains following closely upon the heels of Aguinaldo. The war on this end of the line is almost broken up and the army of the rebels is scattered all over the country. A great many of the insurgents have come in and surrendered and they continue to do so every day. We learn from the insurgents that Aguinaldo has only 2700 men with him now and a great number of them are sick and are without medical aid. I saw Ned Beall two days ago and he is looking fine. He has been undergoing some hardships in the past two weeks. In one instance he was in the mountains five days without anything to eat at all. Now I have some bad news and also some good news to write in this letter. First the bad news, which is this: There were four men of troop "I" of the 4th cavalry, who were drowned while trying to cross the Rio Grande De Pampanga river at this town and one of them was a Lima boy, who enlisted and left Lima with the same gang I did. His name is Newton Reese, and his parents live on north Jackson street, between High and North streets on the east side of the street. His old father drives an express wagon. Cleo is well acquainted with his brother who used to work in Liebenstader's clothing store. He is the first Lima boy that I know of, who has given his life for the flag he loved, in the Philippine Islands. Now comes the good news: The 6th U. S. Cavalry is ordered to the Philippine Islands to relieve 6 troops of the 4th U. S. Cavalry and those 6 troops to go back to the States are these: C, E, G, I, K, and L troops. So you see I will get home again before long if nothing happens to prevent me.

It will also take almost all of the Lima boys who enlisted for cavalry. In troop C, there is myself and Brentlinger; in troop E, there is Ed and Will Linderman; in troop G, Homer Vernon and Thomas Chambers, (Annie Chambers brother); in troop I, Williams and F. P. Morris; in troop L, Ned Beall, Chas. Daniels, and Ride-nour.

Fred Slamb is in troop L, of the 3rd U. S. Cavalry. I have seen him once and that was at San Isidro. The 6 troops that are to go back to the States are due to leave Manila the first of February, that will wind us up in San Francisco about the 1st of March.

Since we started on this northern trip with Gen. Lawton, we have marched 184 miles and have about 60 miles more to go, then we will rest up and take the railroad route back to Manila.

When we started out we had 97 men in ranks and now we have 78. The 24 missing men were left at different hospitals along the line, suffering from various ailments. We have lost one man since I joined the troop and he was drowned at San Isidro while working on the launch on the Rio Grande De Pampanga.

The climate and country here in the mountains are all right. If a man did not have a blanket he would be out of luck entirely, as it is very cool here at night. Fruit is very plentiful here, such as bananas, coconuts, mangoes and breadfruit. One thing scarce here is good American tobacco.

Well we are going to have church in the Cathedral at 10:30 and as it is about that time now I will close. We are where we cannot get stamps so I will have to send this as a soldier's letter. I hope I may hear from you soon and that every one is well.

Give my best to everyone you know

ELIDA ITEMS.

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Plane instruction.

Lynn B. Dana, room 30, Opera House block, second floor. Send for 1-3 red-1m.

and who inquires about me. Kisses to baby and all. Everyone write so I can get lots to read. Send me some slips out of the newspapers, I want to know what is going on at home. Regards to pa. Goodby, and answer soon.

Private Ora C. CAVINS,
Troop C, 4th U. S. Cavalry.

AS A CANARD

The Story of a Recent Telephone Deal is Branded.

Telegram from H. A. Everett, of Cleveland, to W. L. Parmenter Denies the Report.

The story that was recently given space in some newspapers announcing that the Lima Telephone Co.'s system, the United States Telephone Co.'s toll line system and other independent telephone interest, had been absorbed by the Bell company is denied very forcibly by the following, which was received yesterday by W. L. Parmenter:

CLEVELAND, O., JAN. 20, 1900.

W. L. PARMENTER,
Lima, Ohio.

In view of the circulation of a report that the United States Telephone Company and other independent telephone interests which are identified with it are either now or hereafter to be included in the transfer of the Detroit Telephone Company to the Bell Company in Michigan or elsewhere, you are hereby authorized and requested to say for me that such statements are absolutely and wholly false and calculated and intended to influence other independent telephone people. You are further authorized and requested to say for me that the report that I was present at, assisted in, or knew anything of the negotiations for the sale of a controlling interest in the stock of the Detroit and New State Telephone Companies is a lie, made of whole cloth. The United States Telephone Company and allied interests have placed orders for a very large amount of material to be used by them during the present year in completing their systems in Ohio and making connections with like properties in adjacent states and this work is today being vigorously prosecuted and will be until it has been completed.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

-OF THE-

Citizens' Loan and Building Co., of Lima, Ohio, for the Year Ending December 31, 1899.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash	\$ 24,004.68	Running stock and dividends	\$283,870.00
Loans on mortgage security	452,417.50	Paid-up stock at a dividend	14,592.85
Focus on stock security	427.00	Deposits and interest	14,142.25
Furniture and fixtures	700.00	Fund for contingent losses	12,882.45
Due for insurance and taxes	15.22		
Total	\$481,514.85	Total	\$481,514.85

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Cash at close of last fiscal year	\$ 16,496.10	Loans on mortgage security	\$188,500.00
Dues on running stock	102,997.02	Loans on stock security	8,024.45
Certificate of deposits	49,718.91	Running stock	8,024.45
Mortgage loans repaid	108,282.10	Paid-up stock	8,024.45
Stock or pass-book loans repaid	5,251.00	Certificate of deposits	8,024.45
Interest	20,178.38	Dividends on running stock	8,024.45
Expenses	18.70	Dividends on paid-up stock	14,142.25
Transfer fees	89.70	Interest on deposits	2,881.71
Real estate	15.30	Insurance and taxes paid for	2,881.71
Transfer fees	89.70	Real estate	41.82
Insurance and taxes refunded by	105.31	Contingent fund	74.00
borrowers	89.70	Cash	74.00
Miscellaneous	49.50		
Total	\$3,575,798.34	Total	\$3,575,798.34

PROFIT AND LOSS.		PROFIT AND LOSS.	
Interest	\$ 20,178.38	Dividends on running stock	\$ 14,142.25
Premium	437.10	Dividends on paid-up stock	14,142.25
Expenses	79.30	Contingent fund	8,024.45
Transfer fees	89.70	Interest on deposits	1,094.90
Pass-book fees	89.70	Expenses	3,482.85
Miscellaneous	118.50	Furniture charged off	14.00
Total	\$ 20,871.81	Total	\$ 35,871.81

State of Ohio, Allen County, ss.

George Feltz, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the Secretary of the Citizens' Loan and Building Company, of Lima, Ohio, and that the foregoing financial statement is a true and correct statement of the affairs and business of said company for the year ending on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1899, and that it is true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of January, A. D. 1900.

W. L. PARMENTER, Notary Public, Allen County, Ohio.

CERTIFICATE OF THREE DIRECTORS OR AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned, S. Stephens, W. H. Stephens and J. S. O'Connor, of the said Citizens' Loan and Building Company, of Lima, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the financial condition of the said company for the fiscal year ending on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1899, and a true statement of its affairs and business for the fiscal year ending on that day.

W. L. STEPHENS, J. S. O'CONNOR.

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STRAYED—From the premises of F. W. S. Thirtieth and Market streets, a large black and white dog, 1 year old, black and white, with a white patch on the chest and a white patch on the hind leg. If anyone has seen him, please return him to the owner, F. W. S. Thirtieth and Market streets, or to the owner, F. W. S. Thirtieth and Market streets.

WANTED—A lady of appearance, salary \$100 per day. Address B. general delivery, Lima, Ohio.

WANTED—Woman to do house cleaning. Apply at 412 west Spring street. 17

WANTED—A place for a girl of 14 years, as company and to assist in housework and cooking. For particulars inquire at 412 north West street. West side preferred.

MONEY TO LOAN—on personal property, diamonds, watches, jewelry of all kinds, bicycles, guns, revolvers, guitars, mandolins and all kinds of personal property of value. All kinds of unrefined goods cheap. COLEMAN'S LOAN OFFICE, 111 E. Wayne street.

FOR RENT—A nicely furnished front room with privilege of bath, 23 west street.

FOR RENT—Ladies and childrens wraps from \$1.00 to \$2.50, former prices on the west side of Lima, O. For particulars inquire at 412 north West street. West side preferred.

FOR RENT—House of six rooms, with modern improvements, four square feet of coal house, bath, good cellar and cistern. Inquire of W. E. Booth, 322 north McDonald street.

THOSE desiring their Feather Beds made into mattresses will please call at mine as I will remain but one week longer. I have a few pillows to close out at a very low price. J. W. Gouley, 46th street, 1st floor.

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WINTER OF 1900.

PROCLAMATION

BY H. F. VORTKAMP, PHARMACIST,
OF LIMA, OHIO.

Whereas, some time ago we caused to be published in the newspapers of this City a proclamation setting forth certain statements and claims for our new tonic and reconstructor, VINOL, Wine of Cod Liver Oil.

Know, therefore, people of this city that the facts, statements and claims made therein have since been most amply verified. Proof monumental and indisputable has been coming to us from all parts of the City which confirms beyond contradiction the fact that VINOL is a scientific and wonderfully successful remedy for the ills for which it is recommended, and amply justifies all our strong statements in its behalf, and the further statement that nothing ever dispensed from our drug store has equalled VINOL both in demand and real medicinal merit.

We again proclaim our offer to the people that we sell VINOL on a POSITIVE GUARANTEE. If it does not succeed in benefiting you we will refund the entire amount of purchase money.

There is no medicine that will cure everything, but if you are troubled with any of the following ailments we know that VINOL will help you. Anyway, you should give yourself the chance to be benefited by it, particularly as you take no risk in losing money if it does not help you.

Vinol is NOT a patent medicine. Everything in it is plainly printed on the label, and while it contains all the medicinal elements found in the Cod's Liver, it contains no oil or grease, and is as deliciously palatable as the most delicate glass of wine. — come in and test it — you will want more.

All Run Down—No Appetite.

If you feel all worn out, have very little appetite, and not much sleep, caused by over-work or sickness try VINOL on our guarantee.

Debilitated—All Tired Out.

Why drag out an existence without life or ambition. It is not natural to feel continually tired. We guarantee VINOL will bring life, strength and vigor to the debilitated. If you do not feel well try VINOL. If it does not help you your money will be refunded.

Gain Flesh—Get Strong.

You can get fat without taking disagreeable Cod Liver Oil. Fat taken into the system does not create fat. We believe VINOL will create flesh quicker than any preparation containing grease. We have proved in many cases that VINOL quickly creates strength. Try it on our guarantee.

Indigestion—Dyspepsia.

Only those who actually suffer know its terrors, for them life is robbed of all joy. It produces many serious complications and enfeebles the entire system. Relief only comes when a scientific remedy enables the stomach to properly assimilate food. There is no medicine that will do this so successfully as VINOL. Try it on our guarantee.

Old People—Weak People

need a strengthening and invigorating re-builder. VINOL is of exceptional value in such cases. We guarantee it to give strength and health to those who are weak and debilitated, from disease or old age. Try it on our guarantee.

Pale Women—Pale Children

need a tonic reconstructor that will create flesh and make pure red blood. Pale, haggard faces show that the blood is poor and thin, and also indicates imperfect digestion. VINOL will correct such troubles as sure as the sun shines. Children love VINOL, it is so delicious. Try it on our guarantee.

Bronchitis—Sore Lungs.

often end fatally unless specially cared for in its early stages. There is no medicine more valuable for restoring health to the throat and lungs than VINOL Wine of Cod Liver Oil. Try it on our guarantee.

Nervousness—Irritability.

Diseased nerves are due to over-work, insufficient nourishment or slow breaking down of general health. We guarantee VINOL, Wine of Cod Liver Oil to permanently and effectually cure nerve affections; it actually rebuilds the entire body. Try it on our guarantee.

Chronic Colds—Hacking Cough.

Sure signs of danger ahead. One might as well commit suicide as to let them go unchecked. VINOL is the very medicine needed. Unlike other Cod Liver Oil preparations, it does not upset the stomach, and it is delicious to the taste. Try it on our guarantee.

Nursing Mothers—Weak Mothers.

If women with nursing babies who have difficulty in keeping up their health and strength would take VINOL, we know positively that the best results would be obtained. You know the life and future development of the child depends upon proper nourishment. Try it on our guarantee.

TRY ON OUR GUARANTEE,

Vinol

WINE OF COD-LIVER-OIL.

You will absolutely be under no obligation to us whatever, if after you have given VINOL a fair trial for any of the above ailments and have received no benefit, you have only to tell us so, and we will return the entire amount of money you have paid us.

You see our faith in VINOL, and you must admit that we know something about medicine; therefore, when we tell you that VINOL is the most valuable preparation of Cod Liver Oil we have ever known, and a wonderful tonic-reconstructor, and re-builder of strength, appetite, and health, at the same time delicious to taste, we are not unreasonable to expect you to believe us.

H. F. Vortkamp, Cor., Main & North Sts.

LATE STYLES FOR MEN.

New Wrinkles That Are Coming Into English Fashions.

SMALLER CRAVATS WILL BE WORN.

Evening Socks Are no Longer Plain. New Negligee Shirt For Spring Wear—Useful Garment For Cyclists. Latest London Overcoat—No Change In Collars.

Cravats will be smaller, than the great popularity of the high buttoned turn down collar and the colored shirt. In all forms of tieable cravats the idea will be to get proportions that will admit of their entering harmoniously into the scheme made up by cravat and collar. One must hang to the other perfectly. The 1½ and 1¾ inch four-in-hands and the new broad end ties will go well with the high bander, so will the small knot, bowing end, imperial and the once over. In all forms borders will be the favorite effects. In four-in-hands the borders are of moderate width in ties they are quite neat, and in imperials they are huge. In all solid colored cravats the new shades appear. These will form no inconsiderable part of the season's sellings. Where ties are used they are small and closely spaced, and in finer goods there are shadowed in looking over the best lines you will find that in the inner grades neat effects predominate and in the lower priced grades bold effects are most popular. Stripes will be very good. They are shown in groups in hair lines and in great broad bars.

The size of white negligee shirts made of fine mesh with white effects or of that Oxford or linen has been very large. This shirt promises to be the feature of next spring's business. They are made with a linen neck band, neat single point in front and cuffs attached. The cuffs are 3½ inches deep and have rounded tips. In fancy designs the up and down stripes have the field almost exclusively. There is nothing that seriously contests its great predominance.

Evening socks are no longer plain, but on the contrary the proprietors of one of the smartest summer houses in London are presenting the people who are showing the most violent patterns and colors. A pair of socks in a strange but most agreeable way with a thin and in request white line, particularly adorns their showy withers, and a very blue pair in the same design also won my esteem. White is a correspondent of the Haberdashier. Elsewhere on the green, with tiny old gold flower-de-luce and gold chess, and plain myrtle green with tiny white clocks were well liked by fashionable men. Even our dry socks, which nobody sees, are breaking out into big patterns.

A very useful garment lately worn by some men in England who still adhere to cycling as a pastime and also by country doctors who find a wheel a genuine help in obeying emergency calls is a sort of compromise between breeches and gaiters. It is in fact a pair of trousers cut very snug to the knee, below the knee and extended over the shoe so as to form gaiters and to buckle under the sole by means of straps exactly like those on ordinary "spats." These things are much smarter looking than knicker and stockings—they are warmer, and they make it quite easy to wear under-pants which is hardly to be accomplished with knicker and stockings. Of course ordinary shoes can also be worn with them, while in stockings anything but a low shoe looks awkward. But, indeed, the few smart men who now ride a wheel are practically never seen in knickers. They use riding breeches and box cloth leggings, just as for horseback.

The particular coat which is coming into London styles is made of a fairly dark check material, with some green of a subdued kind in the mixture. There is a large overrunning pattern formed by lines of a darker brown than any of the mixture forms or else of red. These lines run vertically and horizontally and form outline squares of three inches or so a side. They are not unduly conspicuous. The cloth though soft is rough in texture. The coat is very long so as to protect the legs well. It reaches to within a foot of the ground and buttons well up at the front. It is single breasted and sleeveless, furnished with large patch pockets and covered by huge flaps. The cape is full and reaches to the wrist when allowed to hang over the straight arm—in other words, it falls to a line some inches below the hip. The pockets do not slant. The cape is fixed. It does not come off, and it is buttoned down by a tab on the middle of the back. There may or may not be cloth loops inside to put the arms through in rough, windy weather. This point will depend on the fancy of the wearer. The lining is of dark plain cloth. The name of the whole garment is "Macfarlane."

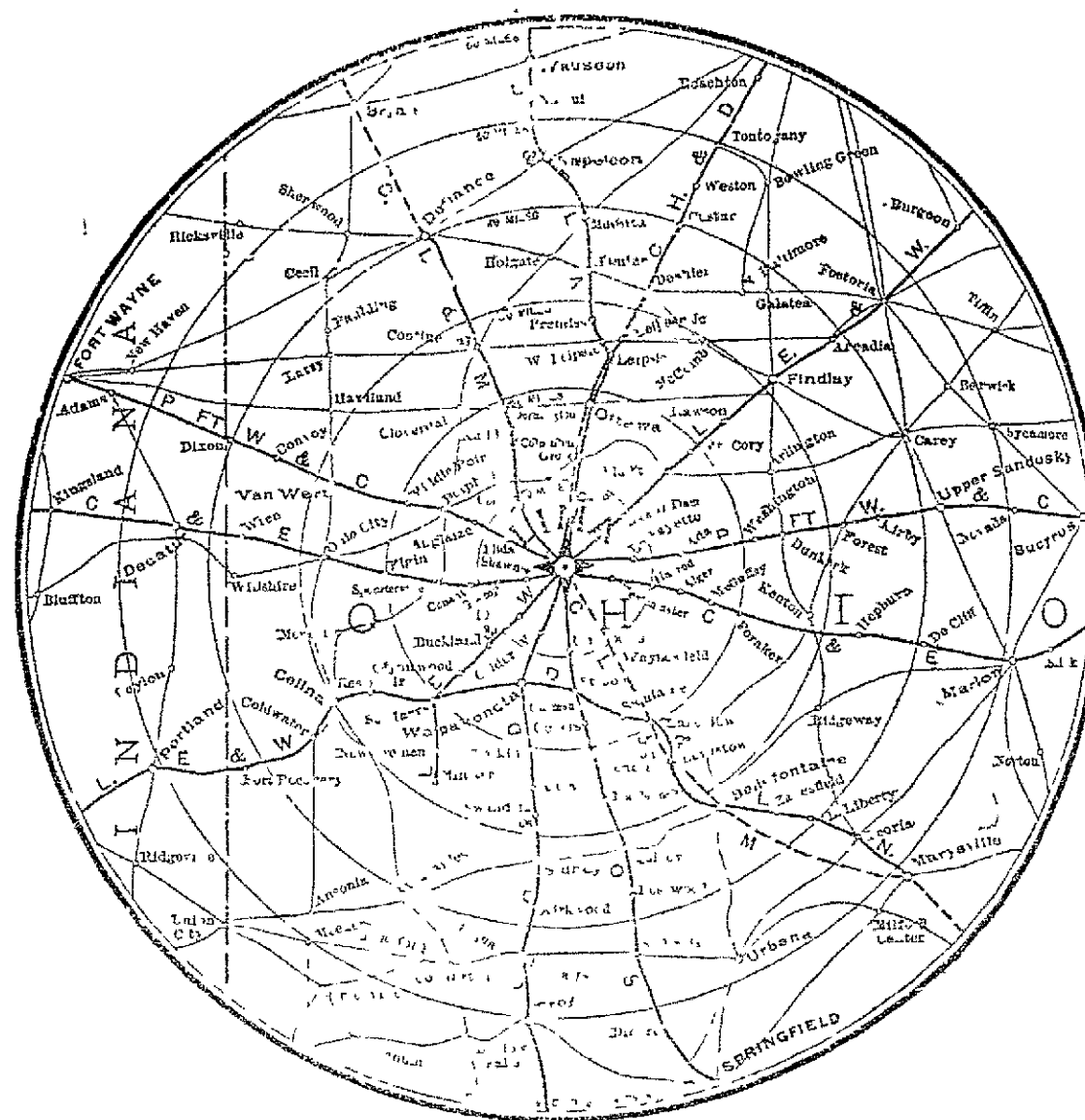
There has been but little change since last season in collars. The poke is the favorite for semiformal, the lap front for evening dress and the high bander for informal dress. And the dress cravat is the broad end tie, just as it was a year ago, and the once over Ascot, or the Ascot tied in the regular form, is still the best for afternoon wear. For wear with the high bander the imperial or the narrow four-in-hand and the bat wing are good. In all the minor points, or, rather, articles of dress, we stick very closely to the forms that prevailed last winter.

Fraught With Peril.

John Bull's stubborn insistence on his "right of search" may yet lead him to a discovery of unsuspected peril in foreign ships.—St. Louis Republic.

Map Showing Railroads and all Stations Within a Radius of Sixty Miles of

LIMA, OHIO.



Why Lima is a Good City

for Wholesale Business

It is located in northwestern Ohio, with direct railroad connection with every county in the state, and with every part of the United States.

Twenty (20) local freight trains arrive and leave Lima every day except Sunday, Lima being a division point on all lines.

Forty-six (46) passenger trains in and out of Lima every day.

Seventy-five to one hundred through freight trains pass through Lima every day.

The following Express Companies handle business out of Lima to all points at one rate

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Southern Express Company,
United States Express Company,
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Why Lima is a Good City

for Manufacturing Industries

It has two direct lines to the Jackson County Coal Fields, and one line to the Hocking Coal Fields. COAL IS CHEAP.

It is a direct shipping point to any part of the United States.

It has abundance of natural gas.

It has manufactured gas at low cost.

It has a good electric light and power plant.

It has cheap curd and fuel oil.

It has water facilities to meet all needs.

It has the best fire department in the state.

IT HAS SEVEN RAILROADS:

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R.R. & Co.
Columbus, Lima & Milwaukee Railway
Detroit & Lima Northern Railway
Erie Railway
Lake Erie & Western R.R. Road.
Ohio Southern Railroad
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway.

POSTOFFICE SCHEDULE.

Mails are closed at the Lima post-office for points designated at the following hours:

A. M. P. M.
1:30 ... NEW YORK ... 9:15
3:15 ... NEW YORK ... 2:15
7:00 ... NEW YORK ... 3:00
11:15 ... NEW YORK ... 4:15

3:15 ... PHILADELPHIA ... 2:15
7:00 ... PHILADELPHIA ... 2:15
1:30 ... BOSTON ... 9:15
3:15 ... BOSTON ... 2:15
7:00 ... BOSTON ... 3:00
11:15 ... BOSTON ... 4:15

3:15 ... PITTSBURG ... 2:15
7:00 ... PITTSBURG ... 2:15
12:45 ... CHICAGO ... 4:15
1:30 ... CHICAGO ... 4:15
3:15 ... CHICAGO ... 4:15
10:50 ... CHICAGO ... 4:15

1:30 ... ST. LOUIS ... 2:45
5:00 ... ST. LOUIS ... 3:40
9:10 ... ST. LOUIS ... 4:15
10:50 ... ST. LOUIS ... 4:15
12:45 ... ST. LOUIS ... 4:15

1:30 ... DETROIT ... 4:15
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11:15 ... DETROIT ... 4:15
1:30 ... CLEVELAND ... 9:15
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1:30 ... CINCINNATI ... 3:40
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1:30 ... COLUMBUS ... 2:15
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1:30 ... SOUTHERN STATES ... 3:40
5:00 ... SOUTHERN STATES ... 3:40
7:00 ... SOUTHERN STATES ... 3:40
9:10 ... SOUTHERN STATES ... 3:40
12 M ... SOUTHERN STATES ... 4:15

LOCAL POINTS.

1:30 C. H. & D. North ... 4:15
11:15 C. H. & D. North ... 4:15
1:30 C. H. & D. South ... 3:40
9:10 C. H. & D. South ... 3:40
10:50 D. & L. N. North ... 2:15
12 M D. & L. N. South ... 2:15
3:15 Erie, East ... 3:00
12:45 Erie, West ... 3:00
10:50 L. E. & W. East ... 1:10
9:10 L. E. & W. West ... 1:10
5:00 O. S. South ... 2:15
7:00 Penn. East ... 9:15
1:30 Penn. West ... 2:45
9:10 Penn. West ... 2:45

Ar. STAR ROUTE SERVICE. Dep.

11:00 West Minister and West

Newton ... 3:40

10:00 Allentown, A. M. 10:40

12 M ... 8:45

2:00 P. M. Yoder, Layton and

South Warsaw ... 3:00

1:30 ... BUFFALO ... 9:15
3:15 ... BUFFALO ... 1:10
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FAITHFUL TO OUR PLEDGE.

According to our regular custom, at the winding up of each season's business we inaugurated **ONE-QUARTER OFF SALES** which were anxiously awaited by the people of Lima and vicinity. Conditions today are different to that of heretofore, and instead of being able to buy goods again at the price which we own them at now, we are confronted with a rising market. **ADVANCE!** Advance! Advance! is the term that every manufacturer tells us today, and merchants are not sacrificing goods as is the usual custom at this season of the year. Notwithstanding this fact The Mammoth stores, according to the usual custom, and to again demonstrate that this is the people's store, will commence

MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 22, OUR GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL ONE-QUARTER OFF SALE.

This sale should fill the store with people from morning until evening, for it can truly be termed the GIGANTIC AND GREATEST TRADE EVENT IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF COMMERCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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Boys' Overcoats One-Quarter Off.

Boys' Pants One-quarter Off.

Children's Suits One-Quarter Off.

Children's Overcoats One-Quarter Off.

Children's Reefers One-Quarter Off.

Pay the salesman 25 per cent less than the price marked. Our next advertisement will tell you about some of the slaughtering prices we are naming on Furnishing Goods. We advise you to come early while choosing is at its best. Sale starts Monday morning.

THE MAMMOTH,

WEST MARKET STREET AND PUBLIC SQUARE, LIMA, OHIO.

CARRICK

Was the Better Bruiser

But Ryan Won the Fight on a Foul in the Fourth Round.

A Sunday Afternoon Contest West of the City Which the Authorities Were Not on to.

In the neighborhood of forty admirers of the fist art were treated to a genuine battle royal yesterday afternoon, a contest between two local pugilists being pulled off without interruption in a barn on O'Brien Bros. place, one and one-half miles west of the city. The match had been arranged sometime ago and the principals went into training on the quiet, only a select few of the sporting element being aware of the coming event.

When the time drew near and it was found that both men were in trim for the fray, others were let into the secret and the O'Brien barn afforded shelter for nearly half a hundred spectators. To avoid any unforeseen interference on the part of authorities, all preliminary bouts were postponed until after the main contest, which called Charlie Lyle and Victor Carrick into the arena. John Maher was chosen to referee the fight and Tim Mack held the timepiece. It was agreed that the men should "break clean," and the rule saved Lyle from a knock out, as Carrick twice violated the stipulation and was forced to submit to a decision against him on a foul.

Carrick had the advantage of both size and weight and had much the better of the fighting in the four three-minute rounds. Neither man received any blows of consequence and a claim of first blood was not raised. Lyle claimed a foul in the second round, but accepted an apology instead of the decision. Carrick again struck Ryan in the "break away" in the fourth round, and this time referee Maher took cognizance of the violation and awarded the contest to Ryan, who, as agreed, raked in the undivided receipts.

Several other bouts took place after

the "big" event, challenges being frequently made and accepted, and the afternoon was well spent before the audience dispersed.

GORGEOUS SPECTACLE

Yale's "Devil's Auction" Tuesday Night.

Nothing in past seasons can compare with this season's "Devil's Auction." Manager Yale has certainly surpassed himself in securing numerous novelties, special acts, etc. that will undoubtedly prove a surprise to the many patrons of this famous and long-lived spectacle. It will be hard to recognize one new feature, everything being absolutely new from the rise to the fall of the curtain. Among the many novel acts may be mentioned the European musical grotesque act by the Brothers Deltorelli, also Les Freres Lorella, whose act creates much mirth and laughter; James A. Kiernan, Victoria Walters and others, combined with the many novelties, beautiful scenery, grand ballets, funny trick scenes all go to make the best entertainment of the kind now before the public.

VERY CLEVER, ART.

A "Paste Slinger" Wedded a Lima Girl at Delphos.

The "sapes," "paste slingers" and "scene shifters" at the Faurot opera house were jollifying today over the announcement of the wedding of one of the "profess." Arthur Stroupe, a well known bill poster, and Miss Clara Howard, formerly of the Columbia restaurant, they declare, were married at Delphos yesterday. Art was clever enough to keep the affair a secret until after the nuptial knot had been tied.

Nettleton's \$5 water-tight shoes for men reduced to \$3.50.

GOLD WATCHES FREE.

With Cold Water Soap. Try it.

AMBITION

Will Help Him to Rise.

K. A. Goring Begins Life with the C. H. & D. as an Operator.

Was Formerly Train Master of the Ohio Southern and by Dint of Energy May Reach Greater Heights.

To descend from the position of train master of one road to a night operator's key at an intermediate station on another line, may not be considered as ascending the ladder in railroad life, but there is a better day a coming for K. A. Goring, who has started anew with the C. H. & D. railroad after a brief experience as train master of the Ohio Southern under the Saul reign. While the latter was president of the road he placed Homer F. Dick in charge as superintendent. Dick was a friend of Goring's in Indiana and he tendered him the position of night dispatcher, which Goring held for one year before he was promoted to the office of train master. Immediately following the placing of the road in the hands of a receiver, there was a balloon ascension and the old staff of officials, from president down, went up in it. Goring proved himself a progressive railroad man and in the hope of once more reaching an advanced station, he has accepted the position of night operator for the C. H. & D. at Wapakoneta and will work with his eye fixed on a round of the ladder, which is not beyond his reach. Mogul engine No. 59, of the L. E. & W., engineer, Frank Lewis, was run out last evening after receiving light repairs.

THE L. E. & W. AND BIG FOUR.

President S. R. Callaway, of the New York Central, has made the following official explanation concerning the control of the Big Four and the Lake Erie & Western by the road which he is the official head:

"The directors of the New York Central considered very carefully the possibility of the control of the Lake Erie & Western and 'Big Four' roads

passing into adverse hands. The business interchanged between these two companies and the Vanderbilt system amounts to \$3,000,000 a year, and the loss of it would, therefore, be very serious. It was concluded by the directors that the safest plan would be to buy a majority of the stock of each road, so that the interest would not be very heavy, even if the roads were not able to pay dividends on their own securities.

"The control of both roads was secured at such price that undoubtedly they will pay at least the interest on the investment, in addition to being profitable feeders to the Vanderbilt system and interchanging business, which, it is hoped, will grow very largely."

President Callaway said that it was not necessary to discuss this statement. Of the future of the Chesapeake and Ohio, Mr. Callaway said that no definite plan had been decided upon in regard to it.

Engineer Jack Tarbutton of the L. E. & W., had switch engine No. 19 here from Findlay yesterday for slight repairs.

Machinist Will Baker, of the L. E. & W., is the happy father of a handsome lad who arrived at his home on the Southside last week.

Passenger conductor T. F. Hennessy, of the L. E. & W., is laying off and conductor A. L. Heath, is on his run.

Brakeman Kelly, of the L. E. & W., is laying off and brakeman Bloom is marked up in his place.

MAT CONWAY PROMOTED.

Mat Conway, who has been employed in the boiler shop of the Lima Locomotive and Machine Co.'s works for the past seventeen years has been, in recognition of his faithful services, and ability as a mechanic, promoted to general foreman of their boiler shop. Mr. Conway succeeds J. J. Kellher, who succeeded Jos. Hopper as general foreman a year ago. The stockholders, of the works have made a wise selection in Mr. Conway as their foreman, as their is nothing about the construction of a boiler, which he is not familiar with. His many friends are confident that he will make a first class man in this important position.

NOTES.

Dispatcher Packard of the C. H. & D. has been working his trick under

difficulties for some time owing to ill health and he is considering the advisability of taking a trip through the south in order to recuperate. An extra man is being broken in to meet such an emergency. "Tuck" has the reputation of being one of the best amateur photographers in the city, having inherited his talent, and if he goes south with that handsome new camera his friends will arrange for a illustrated lecture upon his return.

Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was asked if he had any objection to stating why the heads of the four orders had been called to St. Louis yesterday. He said: "We have been called here to adjust the differences between the general grievance committee of the Wabash and the management of the system—if we can. I do not care to say what will be the result, nor am I in a position to do so. The men have been very patient and have done and are doing what they think right to secure an amicable settlement of all differences."

Freight traffic continues very heavy on the L. E. & W. and the need of more motive power is daily appreciated. Traffic is also heavy on the C. & E. and yesterday the local freight engines were used double headed on through freight.

An official document from the state house signed and sealed by Governor Bushell, has been filed with the county clerk, recording the appointment of Elmer C. McConnell as a policeman for the Pennsylvania and P. C. C. & St. L. Railroads.

Harry Bell, of the L. E. & W., has been promoted from a passenger fireman to an engineer and is running a switch engine in the yards. Mr. Bell is thoroughly competent and his legion of friends wish him the best of success and good fortune.

Engineer Oblinger, of the C. H. & D., who was taken sick at the Cambridge hotel a few days ago and sent to his home in Dayton, is reported better but will not return to work until he has fully recovered.

Engineer James McMahon is still confined to his home in Dayton as the result of an attack of illness which dates from last Monday when he came as far as Lima with the pay car.

Brakeman Thomas Cook of the L. E. & W. "morro-go-round" is laying

off and brakeman Henry Eberswine is on the run in his place.

Chief dispatcher Louy, of the C. H. & D., accompanied the Knights of Columbus to Detroit Saturday evening.

Supt. S. B. Elmer, of the C. H. & D. returned last night from a visit in Detroit.

Conductor Mike Deneen, of the L. E. & W., has resumed his duties after a vacation.

Engineer "Jess" James of the C. & E., was here from Marion yesterday.

SHORT LINE

Between Pittsburg and Chicago via the L. E. & W.

The Northern Ohio Road to be Connected with the P. & L. E. R. R. at Youngstown, O.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 22.—The Vanderbilt interests have a plan, practically certain of consummation, which, by building about 50 miles of new road, is to provide the greatest trunk line in existence between Pittsburg and Chicago. It will be nearly a dozen miles shorter than the present shortest line, the Port Wayne, which is 468 miles long. This is planned to be worked out by the cutting up of the Lake Erie & Western, recently acquired by the Vanderbilts, to form divisions of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie and the Lake Shore. The plan is to build a link from Youngstown to Akron, thus connecting the Pittsburg & Lake Erie with the Lake Erie & Western tracks to Spencer, then to build a short connecting link across to the southern division of the Lake Shore, use this division to Toledo and the Lake Shore main line from this point to Chicago. The combined distances will be about 453 miles.

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LAST SAD RITES

Held Over the Remains of Cyrus C. Pierson Today.

The Venerable Citizen was Born in New Jersey Eighty-two Years Ago—in Terment in Woodlawn.

Cyrus C. Pierson, who died at 9:10 o'clock Saturday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. L. Buchanan, 212 south West street, was born near Sparta, New Jersey, December 18th, 1817, and died January 20th, 1900, aged eighty-two years, one month and two days. He leaves one son and six daughters to mourn his loss: Henry Pierson, Arapahoe, Oklahoma; Mrs. L. H. Hume, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Ed. Homan, of Emporia, Kan.; Mrs. Clark Crall, of New Hampshire; Mrs. J. B. Kerr, Mrs. H. L. Buchanan and Mrs. Esther Bates, of this city.

The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning from the residence of the deceased's daughter at 212 south West street, Rev. R. J. Thomson, officiating. The remains were laid away in Woodlawn cemetery. The funeral was held privately.

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I. O. O. F. Notice.

All Patriarchs of Ohio Encampment No. 256 I. O. O. F. will please take notice that the installation of officers will be held Tuesday evening, January 23, 1900. The attendance of the entire membership is desired.

JOHN E. WATTS, D. D. & P.

A Serious Case.

Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1900.—Mrs. Flora Stevens of this city states that her husband had rheumatism so severely he could hardly get up when he was down. She purchased two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla which helped him so much he got four more and these effected a cure. Rheumatism is admitted to be due to acidity of the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes this acid and thus effects permanent cures.